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Twenty State Troopers Graduate, Take Oath of Office *Graduation Exercises Held in Montgomery Nov. 16*

Montgomery — Col. W.M. Coppage, Department of Public Safety director, administered the oath of office to commission 20 new Alabama state troopers during graduation exercises in Montgomery Nov. 16.

Alabama Attorney General Troy King was guest speaker at Thursday's graduation. He told the new troopers, "Today, you become the newest heroes in Alabama. You have earned the right to wear a badge. You have accepted a challenge which too many in our state take for granted – a challenge to preserve the peace and protect the innocent from danger. Today, you have become an Alabama state trooper. On behalf of the state that you will serve, I salute and thank you."

Family members and friends were on hand to witness the swearing-in ceremony for the new troopers, who successfully completed 22 weeks of rigorous training at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center in Selma. They will report to their duty stations Dec. 1 for additional field training under the supervision of veteran state troopers before beginning independent patrol duty.

In addressing the members of Trooper Class 2006-B, Coppage congratulated them on their achievement at the academy and wished them success as they begin their duties as patrol officers.

"The career path you've chosen is a high calling," said Coppage. "I urge you to let the department's motto – courtesy, service, protection – guide your efforts as members of the Highway Patrol and throughout your careers as Alabama state troopers."

A list of Class 2006-B members, post and county assignments follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>County</u>
William D. Burks	Montgomery	Montgomery
Joshua D. Colquitt	Huntsville	Jackson
Gary L. Garrick Jr.	Mobile	Clarke
Rodney M. Hawkins	Dothan	Bullock
Marie B. Heacox	Jacksonville	Clay
Tommy Horton Jr.	Tuscaloosa	Tuscaloosa
Edkenjunta Jones	Selma	Dallas
Donald A. Leger	Montgomery	Montgomery

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